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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Office of Workers' Compensation Administration (OWCA) in the Louisiana Department of Labor presents its 2005 Annual Report. It is intended to assist the public in understanding the functions and activities of the OWCA and to answer some of the most frequently asked questions about work-related injuries.

In 2005, the OWCA persevered in its goals of minimizing the occurrence of workplace injuries, while assuring prompt delivery of appropriate services. The office maintained its commitment to provide quality management in its efforts to accomplish major improvements in the workers' compensation system for the present and in the future.

The Workplace Safety section identified 1,909 safety and health hazards and of this number 780 were serious hazards. The section conducted 1,029 on-site visits. The unit also awarded 11 Cost Containment Program (CCP) certificates and participated in some 14 Safety and Health Achievement Recognition Program (SHARP) awards for Louisiana employers. The unit also distributed thousands of quarterly safety reports (LDOL-WC-1017-A) which identify employers who are experiencing above-average injuries for their industry classification.

In 2005, the Hearings section continued to effectively manage disputed workers' compensation claims and assist parties in resolving their disputes. The section received 5,548 disputed claims in 2005, a decrease of 955 disputed claims from 2004. Through efforts of the section, 1,664 trials were held in 2005, compared to 1,919 in 2004, which represents a 13 percent decrease. Four thousand four hundred thirty-four settlements were also approved in 2005.

The Medical Services section continued to process disputed medical claims in less than 30 days from date of receipt. A total of 839 independent medical examination (IME) requests were received in 2005, a decrease of 12% in the number of requests during the same reporting period for 2004. In 2005 the average time to review and schedule an independent medical exam was 16.71 days, a 15% decrease from the same reporting period for 2004 of 19.18 days. The section received 735 disputed medical reimbursement claims during the 2005 reporting period, an increase of 53% for the same period in 2004. An average of 131 medical claims per month were received in 2005, an increase of 18% over the 2004 reporting period.

The Records Management section responded to more than 6,332 requests for public information, with a response time of less than three days. In 2005, 34,251 workers' compensation reporting claim forms were reported to the section, a decrease of only 16 percent from the previous year. The preliminary number of workers' compensation reporting claim forms processed decreased by 27 percent. The number of electronic LDOL-WC-1007 forms continues to increase as more customers utilize the system.

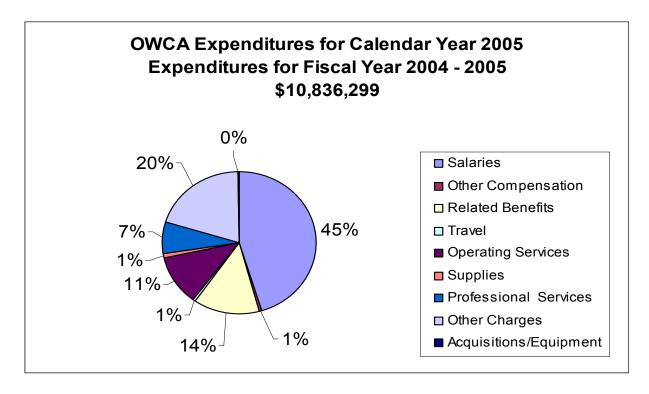
The Finance and Compliance section received and approved applications for self-insured status, examined statutory compliance regarding workers' compensation coverage, and conducted on-site audits. In 2005 within the state, 514 companies were approved to be self-insured. Some 309 insurance companies were authorized to sell workers' compensation insurance.

INTRODUCTION

The Louisiana Office of Workers' Compensation Administration (OWCA) was created in 1983 in order to administer the Louisiana Workers' Compensation Act. The office exercises its authority under Chapter 10 of Title 23 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes.

The Office of Workers' Compensation Administration Budgeted Expenditures – 2005

The assessment rate for fiscal year 2004–2005 decreased .28 percent over the previous fiscal year. The decrease was due to the recovery of \$4 million in back owed assessments.



ADMINISTRATION

The OWCA offers numerous services to the employees and employers of Louisiana. Currently, the office's sections are Administrative, Finance and Compliance, Fraud, Hearings, Information Systems, Legal, Medical Services, Records Management, Second Injury Fund, and Workplace Safety.

ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION

Karen Reiners Winfrey, Assistant Secretary/Director

The OWCA is headed by an Assistant Secretary of Labor, who is also Director of the office. The Director is appointed by and serves at the pleasure of the Governor.

The telephone number for the Administrative section is (225) 342-7561. The FAX number is (225) 342-5665. The email address for the director is kwinfrey@ldol.state.la.us.

FINANCE AND COMPLIANCE SECTION

Preston (Petty) Pecue, Manager

The Finance and Compliance section evaluates and approves or disapproves applications for self-insured status, examines statutory compliance regarding workers' compensation coverage, and conducts audits of benefits paid by insurance companies, group self-insured funds and individual self-insurers. The total assessment amount decreased from \$10,985,000 in assessment year 2004 to \$9,845,949 for assessment year 2005, which represents a 10.6 percent decrease.

The telephone numbers for the Finance and Compliance section are (800) 201-3448 or (225) 342-5658. The FAX number is (225) 342-7578. The email address for its manager is ppecue@ldol.state.la.us.

FRAUD SECTION

Kaye Fournet, Manager

The Fraud section detects and deters workers' compensation fraud and educates the public about the penalties for workers' compensation fraud. It conducts investigations within 30 days of reported workers' compensation fraud. The Fraud Section provides resources to employers and insurers to increase their awareness of potentially fraudulent claims and offers guidance to avoid future instances of fraud. These resources include training seminars, the promotion of the use of written and electronic material, with its nationwide toll-free fraud hotline (800) 201-3362, as well as Internet resources to report suspected fraud directly to the office.

The telephone number for the Fraud section is (225) 342-7558. The FAX number is (225) 342-1880. The email address for its manager is kfournet@ldol.state.la.us.

HEARINGS SECTION

Sheral Kellar, Manager

The Hearings section's primary duty is to resolve and/or adjudicate disputed workers' compensation claims filed with the Office of Workers' Compensation Administration. A claim for benefits, the controversion of entitlement to benefits, or other relief under the Workers' Compensation Act is initiated by filing the appropriate form (LDOL-WC-1008) with the office.

There are ten district offices located statewide: <u>Alexandria</u>, <u>Baton Rouge</u>, <u>Covington</u>, <u>Harvey</u>, <u>Houma</u>, <u>Lafayette</u>, <u>Lake Charles</u>, <u>Monroe</u>, <u>New Orleans</u>, and <u>Shreveport</u>.

The telephone numbers for the main office of the Hearings section are (800) 201-2499 or (225) 342-7970. The FAX number is (225) 342-4790. The email address for its manager is skellar@ldol.state.la.us.

INFORMATION SYSTEMS SECTION

Larry White, Manager

The Information Systems section is a support section for the OWCA. The primary function of this unit is to support the PCs on a statewide network. The network utilizes Windows 2000/XP software and consists of 170 PCs. The introduction of imaging technology throughout the OWCA was completed in 2003.

The telephone numbers for the Information Systems section are (800) 201-2496 or (225) 342-7574. The FAX number is (504) 342-7562. The email address for its manager is white@ldol.state.la.us.

LEGAL SECTION

The Legal section serves in an advisory capacity to the Director and the office staff in legal matters falling under the jurisdiction of the OWCA. It also represents the OWCA in all matters in which the Director or the office are named. It also represents the State of Louisiana in defending constitutional challenges to the workers' compensation statutes and procedures.

The telephone numbers for the Legal section are (800) 201-3405 or (225) 342-7557. The FAX number is (225) 342-7593.

MEDICAL SERVICES SECTION

Sue Newman, R.N.

The Medical Services section enforces the reimbursement schedule, audits specific medical bills, schedules independent medical examinations (IMEs), and reviews files for medical necessity of treatment.

All disputes presented to the section are informally resolved by issuance of a recommendation by the Director of the OWCA.

The telephone numbers for the Medical Services section are (800) 201-2494 or (225) 342-7559. The FAX number is (225) 342-9836. The email address for Medical Services is snewman@ldol.state.la.us.

RECORDS MANAGEMENT SECTION

Brenda D. Williams, Manager

The Records Management section is a support section for the OWCA. The section publishes the OWCA Annual Report, which highlights accomplishments of the OWCA in a given year and offers statistical information concerning workplace injuries and illnesses. It provides OWCA reporting forms, as well as instructions for their completion, by means of electronic filing on the LDOL website (www.LAWORKS.net). The section responds to public record requests. It also

serves as a repository for workers' compensation records and oversees the imaging of records of the office. In addition, the section provides copies of those records that are considered public records, whether on microfilm, electronically imaged, or on paper.

The telephone numbers for the Records Management section are (800) 201-3457 or (225) 342-5662. The FAX numbers are (225) 342-7582 and (225) 342-3539. The email address for its manager is bwilliams@ldol.state.la.us.

SECOND INJURY FUND

Vacant, Manager

The Second Injury Fund (SIF), is an employer/insurer funded program, whose purpose is to encourage the employment of physically handicapped individuals with a pre-existing permanent partial disability that is a hindrance or obstacle to obtaining employment. The SIF promotes the hiring of these individuals by protecting employers/insurers from excess liability for workers' compensation. The SIF reimburses employers/insurers for the medical and compensation costs paid to employees who have met the statutory qualification. The SIF provides an economic incentive to employers to hire or rehire individuals with pre-existing disabilities. The SIF provides online claim status to employers and insurers. In addition, the SIF makes electronic fund transfer (EFT) options available to employers.

The telephone numbers for the Second Injury Fund section are (800) 201-2493 or (225) 342-7866. The FAX number is (225) 219-5968.

WORKPLACE SAFETY SECTION

Willis E. Callihan, Director

The Workplace Safety section provides voluntary and confidential workplace inspections, on-site training and program assistance to employers in the state. The section administers the Cost Containment Program (CCP), which offers eligible employers the opportunity to lower their workers' compensation insurance premiums. The section is responsible for distribution and processing of quarterly reports (LDOL-WC-1017A) which identifies employers who are experiencing above-average injuries for their industry classification. The report is due one month from the quarter reported. In addition, the section provides on-site facility inspections to identify hazards and assess program elements to ensure compliance with workplace safety provisions.

The telephone numbers for the Workplace Safety and Consultation section are (800) 201-2495 or (225) 342-9601. The FAX number is (225) 342-5158. The email address for its manager is wcallihan@ldol.state.la.us.

OWCA's SECTIONS' ACTIVITY, 2001-2005

The following tables give details of the activities of the OWCA sections for the years 2001-2005:

Section 1 Workers' Compensation Claims, 2001-2005 Section 2 Hearings Number of Disputed Claims Received by OWCA Offices, 2001-2005 Number of Mediations Held by OWCA Offices, 2001-2005 Number of Trials Held by OWCA Offices, 2001-2005 Number of Decisions Rendered by OWCA Offices, 2001-2005 Number of Settlements Approved by OWCA Offices, 2001-2005 Number of Appeals Filed by OWCA Offices, 2001-2005 Section 3 **Medical Services** Estimated Amounts for Hospital Outliers (Special Reimbursements), 2001-2005 Estimated Amounts for Medical Reimbursement Disputed Claims, 2001-2005 Section 4 Records Management, 2001-2005 Section 5 Second Injury Fund, 2001-2005 Section 6 Workers' Compensation Fraud Claims, 2001-2005

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AN OVERVIEW OF OWCA CLAIMS AND SECTIONS' ACTIVITIES, 2001-2005

| WOD | | | | | | IIII III ID | SECTIO | NS' ACTIV | 111120, 2 | 001 2005 | |
|--|--|-----------------------------------|----------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------|-------------------|------------|-------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| Year | KERS' COMPENSATION CLA Undisputed Claims Processed | | | | | | Claims Closed | | 1 | Claims Settled | |
| 2001 | Undisputed Claims Processed 15,684 | | TOCCSSCU | Disputed Claims 6,719 | | Claims Closed 6,738 | | | Claims Settled 4,997 | | |
| 2002 | 15,684 | | | 7,056 | | | 4,764 | | | 3,849 | |
| 2003 | 12,080 | | | 6,547 | | | *5,771 | | | 4,739 | |
| 2004 | *17,798 | | | | 6,503 | | *8,315 | | | 4,725 | |
| 2005 | *12,981 | | | 5,548 | | | *6,206 | | | 4,434 | |
| HEA | RINGS (Sec | tion # 2) | | | | | | | | | |
| Year | Disputed Clai | Disputed Claims Filed Mediation S | | ssions | ssions Claims Resolved at | | Trials Held Forma | | al Ap | peals Filed | Settlements |
| | | | Held |] | | on or Prior | | Decisio | | | Approved |
| 2001 | 6,719 | | 5,919 | | | ,055 | 1,679 | 1,231 | | 289 | 4,997 |
| 2002 | 7,056 | | 4,554 | | | ,800 | 1,317 | 1,007 | | 226 | 3,849 |
| 2003 | 6,547 | | 5,271 5,121 | | | .,227 | 1,961 1,919 | 1,568 | | 308 203 | 4,739 4,725 |
| 2004 | 6,503 5,548 | | 4,229 | | 2,162 2,235 | | 1,919 | 1,63 | | 196 | 4,723 |
| | er of Disputed (| | | Offices | | .,233 | 1,004 | 1,440 | , | 190 | 4,434 |
| Year | 1W | 1E | 2 | 3 | | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 |
| | Shreveport | Monroe | Alexandr | ia Lak | ke | Lafayette | Baton | Covington | Harvey | New | Houma |
| | | | | Char | | | Rouge | | | Orleans | |
| 2001 | 601 | 363 | 624 | 563 | | 738 | 754 | 723 | 930 | 989 | 434 |
| 2002 | 585 | 415 | 649 | 590 | | 724 | 959 | 743 | 959 | 956 | 476 |
| 2003 | 504 563 | 363 411 | 733 592 | 622 | | 650 699 | 780 682 | 776 699 | 712 768 | 886 853 | 521 575 |
| 2004 | 521 | 381 | 579 | 942 | | 699 | 531 | 578 | 520 | 408 | 389 |
| | er of Mediation | | | | | 377 | 331 | 376 | 320 | 1 -100 | 307 |
| Year | 1W | 1E | 2 | 3 | | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 |
| | Shreveport | Monroe | Alexandr | | - | Lafayette | Baton | Covington | Harvey | New | Houma |
| | | 100 | | Char | | | Rouge | | | Orleans | |
| 2001 | 377 | 488 | 636 | 801 | | 592 | 645 | 646 | 685 | 695 | 354 |
| 2002 | 328 519 | 305 348 | 505 448 | 517 698 | | 520 511 | 503 662 | 501 624 | 454 441 | 499 561 | 422 459 |
| 2003 | 433 | 292 | 692 | 725 | | 627 | 305 | 514 | 626 | 468 | 439 |
| 2005 | 430 | 375 | 394 | 679 | | 404 | 281 | 524 | 334 | 356 | 452 |
| | er of Trials Hel | | | 072 | | | | <u> </u> | | 300 | |
| Year | 1W | 1E | 2 | 3 | | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 |
| | Shreveport | Monroe | Alexandr | | | Lafayette | Baton | Covington | Harvey | New | Houma |
| 2001 | 0.0 | 1.60 | 1.50 | Char | | 240 | Rouge | 1.72 | 21.5 | Orleans | 170 |
| 2001 | 99 55 | 162 97 | 159 144 | 174 89 | | 240 193 | 151 134 | 172 143 | 215 180 | 128 147 | 179 135 |
| 2002 | 120 | 125 | 172 | 154 | | 214 | 177 | 209 | 291 | 246 | 253 |
| 2004 | 240 | 131 | 151 | 193 | | 252 | 148 | 209 | 198 | 240 | 157 |
| 2005 | 92 | 124 | 176 | 162 | | 264 | 159 | 149 | 169 | 224 | 145 |
| | er of Decisions l | Rendered by | OWCA Office | es | | | | • | | | |
| Year | 1W | 1E | 2 | 3 | | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 |
| | Shreveport | Monroe | Alexandr | | | Lafayette | Baton | Covington | Harvey | New | Houma |
| 2001 | 54 | 146 | 124 | Char | | 196 | Rouge 111 | 123 | 143 | Orleans 124 | 93 |
| 2001 | 12 | 82 | 124 | 69 | | 154 | 111 | 97 | 125 | 124 | 101 |
| 2002 | 93 | 109 | 137 | 127 | | 201 | 170 | 159 | 217 | 184 | 171 |
| 2004 | 230 | 106 | 112 | 160 | | 226 | 142 | 170 | 180 | 203 | 128 |
| 2005 | 67 | 103 | 154 | 140 | | 240 | 148 | 123 | 149 | 202 | 122 |
| Number of Settlements Approved by OWCA Offices | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Year | 1W | 1E | 2 | 3 | | 4 | _ 5 | 6 | _ 7 | 8 | 9 |
| | Shreveport | Monroe | Alexandr | | | Lafayette | Baton | Covington | Harvey | New | Houma |
| 2001 | 568 | 445 | 543 | Char 374 | | 641 | Rouge 487 | 454 | 587 | Orleans 580 | 318 |
| 2001 | 400 | 310 | 381 | 419 | | 505 | 311 | 365 | 496 | 422 | 240 |
| 2002 | 457 | 407 | 488 | 442 | | 648 | 218 | 553 | 555 | 601 | 370 |
| 2004 | 503 | 400 | 527 | 453 | | 687 | 155 | 535 | 542 | 581 | 342 |
| 2005 | 401 | 399 | 500 | 447 | | 673 | 358 | 482 | 408 | 426 | 340 |
| | Number of Appeals Filed by OWCA Offices | | | | | | | | | | |
| Year | 1W | 1E | 2 | 3 | | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 |
| | Shreveport | Monroe | Alexandr | | | Lafayette | Baton | Covington | Harvey | New | Houma |
| | | | | Char | | | Rouge | | | Orleans | |
| 2001 | 17 | 13 | 41 | 26 | | 31 | 34 | 47 | 32 | 9 | 39 |
| 2002 | 33 | 10 | 28 | 18 | | 23 | 23 | 27 | 16 | 32 | 17 |
| 2003 | 20 | 18 | 40 | 31 | | 34 | 19 | 43 | 32 | 34 | 37 |
| 2004 | 19 | 14 | 20 | 26 | | 16 | 5 | 39 | 17 | 33 | 14 |
| | 13 | 6 | 35 | 27 | 7 | 32 | 8 | 22 | 25 | 16 | 12 |

AN OVERVIEW OF OWCA CLAIMS AND SECTIONS' ACTIVITIES, 2001-2005

| Consideration Appeal Request Consideration Appeal Requests Consideration Appeal Requests | | | | | | | | |
|--|---|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| Consideration Appeal Request Consideration Appeal Requests | Special Reimbursement | | | | | | | |
| 2002 | Consideration Appeal Requests (Outliers) | | | | | | | |
| 2003 | 117 | | | | | | | |
| 2004 324 | | | | | | | | |
| Estimated Amounts for Medical Reimbursement Disputed Claims Billed Amounts Recommended Reimbursements Stimated Saving | | | | | | | | |
| Estimated Amounts for Hospital Outliers (Special Reimbursements) | | | | | | | | |
| Vear | | | | | | | | |
| 2001 | | | | | | | | |
| Description Section | Estimated Savings | | | | | | | |
| 2003 | | | | | | | | |
| Decision Section # Sec | | | | | | | | |
| Sestimated Amounts for Medical Reimbursement Disputed Claims | | | | | | | | |
| Disputed Claims | | | | | | | | |
| Disputed Claims | \$4,448,447.30 | | | | | | | |
| 2001 56 | | | | | | | | |
| 2002 | Estimated Savings | | | | | | | |
| 2002 | \$238.475.51 | | | | | | | |
| 2003 | | | | | | | | |
| Second S | | | | | | | | |
| RECORDS MANAGEMENT (Section # 4) Year | \$765,732.08 | | | | | | | |
| Near Forms Reported Requests for Forms, Brochures & Publications Records Requests | | | | | | | | |
| 2001 | | | | | | | | |
| 2002 56,013 268 5,808 | Records Requests | | | | | | | |
| 2003 | | | | | | | | |
| Completed Comp | | | | | | | | |
| SECOND INJURY FUND (Section # 5) Year | 4,247 | | | | | | | |
| SECOND INJURY FUND (Section # 5) Year Claims Received Claims Closed Decisions Rendered Claims Pending Assessment Actual **Reimbursement Total Admin 2001 1,188 1,199 422 3,370 2,588 \$29,787,739 \$27,804,479 \$50 2002 1,361 1,137 1,260 3,584 2,509 \$33,170,744 \$30,566,375 \$54 2003 999 1,166 934 3,398 3,229 \$36,491,115 \$33,098,458 -\$66 2004 946 754 777 3,802 2,646 \$40,192,150 \$34,911,465 \$62 2005 914 610 752 4,265 2,659 \$43,992,861 \$33,181,235 \$80 WORKERS' COMPENSATION FRAUD CLAIMS (Section # 6) Year Investigations Initiated Investigations Completed Referrals to Legal & Civil Prosecution Arrests & Prosecutions Referrals for U.I. Fraud Convictions 2001 2,922 2,672 3 21 10 <t< td=""><td colspan="2"></td></t<> | | | | | | | | |
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| Received Closed Rendered Pending Claims | nistrative Costs | | | | | | | |
| 1,361 | | | | | | | | |
| 2003 999 | 03,095 | | | | | | | |
| 2004 946 754 777 3,802 2,646 \$40,192,150 \$34,911,465 \$62 | | | | | | | | |
| Convictions Penalties Completed Penalties Convictions Penalties Convictions Convicti | - \$665,250 | | | | | | | |
| WORKERS' COMPENSATION FRAUD CLAIMS (Section # 6) Year Investigations Initiated Investigations Completed Referrals to Legal & Civil Penalties Referrals for Prosecutions Arrests & Prosecutions Referrals for U.I. Fraud Convictions 2001 2,922 2,672 3 21 10 8 6 2002 4,744 4,287 0 24 14 16 2 2003 2,379 2,262 0 22 11 7 7 2004 2,109 2,020 0 12 15 23 9 | \$628,124 | | | | | | | |
| Year Investigations Initiated Investigations Completed Referrals to Legal & Civil Penalties Referrals for Prosecution Arrests & Prosecutions Referrals for U.I. Fraud Convictions 2001 2,922 2,672 3 21 10 8 6 2002 4,744 4,287 0 24 14 16 2 2003 2,379 2,262 0 22 11 7 7 2004 2,109 2,020 0 12 15 23 9 | \$806,569 | | | | | | | |
| Initiated Completed Legal & Civil Penalties Prosecution Prosecutions U.I. Fraud I 2001 2,922 2,672 3 21 10 8 6 2002 4,744 4,287 0 24 14 16 2 2003 2,379 2,262 0 22 11 7 7 2004 2,109 2,020 0 12 15 23 9 | | | | | | | | |
| 2002 4,744 4,287 0 24 14 16 2 2003 2,379 2,262 0 22 11 7 7 2004 2,109 2,020 0 12 15 23 9 | Percent of Investigations Completed | | | | | | | |
| 2003 2,379 2,262 0 22 11 7 7 2004 2,109 2,020 0 12 15 23 9 | 94% | | | | | | | |
| 2003 2,379 2,262 0 22 11 7 7 2004 2,109 2,020 0 12 15 23 9 | 90% | | | | | | | |
| 2004 2,109 2,020 0 12 15 23 9 | 95% | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | |
| | 96% | | | | | | | |
| 2005 6,444 5,924 0 12 17 88 5 | 96% | | | | | | | |
| WORKPLACE SAFETY (Section # 7) | | | | | | | | |
| Year Clients Assisted Facility/On-site Inspections Seminars, Training & Serious Health Hazards Number of Safety & Health Hazards | Requests Received for Services | | | | | | | |
| 2001 22,245 576 12 1,983 1,786 783 576 | 459 | | | | | | | |
| 2002 62,584 1,093 140 1,611 1,598 2,518 1,093 | 612 | | | | | | | |
| 2003 21,565 1,023 1,023 2,414 1,007 1,768 1,023 | 311 | | | | | | | |
| 2004 18,422 1,500 149 2,944 1,392 1,236 1,500 | (10 | | | | | | | |
| 2005 13,311 1,029 31 1,909 780 640 1,029 | 618 320 | | | | | | | |

^{*} Preliminary

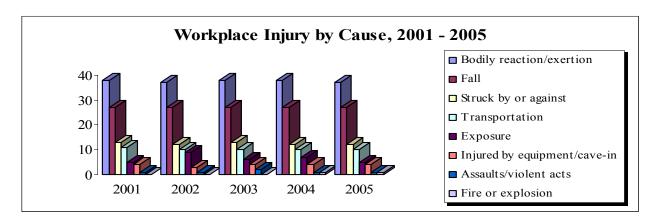
^{** 2001} Reimbursements are recorded on Fiscal Basis

⁻ Prior years administrative expenses are below actual

The OWCA conducted a study of 5,448 disputed claims (<u>LDOL-WC-1008</u>) that were closed in 2005. The purpose of this analysis was to identify the causes of workplace injuries. The results are reported below.

Workplace Injury by Cause, 2001-2005

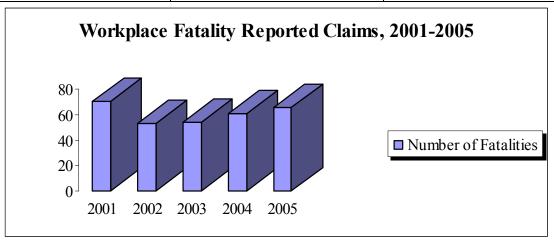
| Cause of Injury | 2001 | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 |
|------------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Bodily reaction/exertion | 38 | 37 | 38 | 38 | 38 |
| Fall | 27 | 27 | 27 | 27 | 27 |
| Struck by or against | 13 | 12 | 13 | 12 | 12 |
| Transportation | 11 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 |
| Exposure | 5 | 9 | 6 | 7 | 6 |
| Injured by equipment/cave-in | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 |
| Assaults/violent acts | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 2 |
| Fire or explosion | = | - | - | 1 | 1 |



Note: Dash (-) indicates there are no claims for this category.

Workplace Fatality Reported Claims, 2001 – 2005

| Year | Number of Fatalities | Percentage of Change from Prior Year |
|------|----------------------|---|
| 2001 | 70 | -29% |
| 2002 | 53 | -24% |
| 2003 | 54 | 2% |
| 2004 | 61 | 13% |
| 2005 | 66 | 8% |



Note: The claims reported are workplace fatalities that are compensable under Louisiana's compensation statute. Data were derived from the form LDOL-WC-1007.

The information represents workplace fatalities in instances where:

- death occurred while on the employer's premises and is work-related
- death occurred off the employer's premises and is work-related

Leading cause of fatalities from 2001-2005 is transportation accidents.

STATEWIDE DISTRICT DIRECTORY

Baton Rouge Administrative Office

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FAX: (225) 342-4790

District 1W

OFFICE OF WORKERS' COMPENSATION DISPUTE RESOLUTION SPECIALIST: Vacant

9234 Linwood

Shreveport, Louisiana 71106 TELEPHONE: (318) 676-5331 TELEPHONE: (800) 209-7173

FAX: (318) 676-5332

District 1E

OFFICE OF WORKERS' COMPENSATION

DISPUTE RESOLUTION SPECIALIST: Camelia Antie

1908 Stubbs

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